



# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 2024

**WELCOME!** We are blessed to worship with you today. If you are visiting, we are delighted that you're here. If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you. To find out everything going on at St Paul's, visit [www.stpaulsokc.com](http://www.stpaulsokc.com).

## Serving Today:

Lay Reader: Paula Schopflin  
Children's Message: Michelle Swedlow  
Altar Guild: Nola Pirog  
Communion Assistant: Carolyn Behrens  
Sound & Video: Tracy Caine  
Ushers: Robert Adair, Kendrick Veit, Ben Sitton, Brandon Carey,  
Russell Bainbridge & Steve Krause  
Acolyte & Crucifer: Emma Lewis & Atticus Veit

**PRELUDE:** Ron Wallace

## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Pause for silent reflection*)

Gracious God,

***Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.***

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. ***Amen.***

**OPENING HYMN:** #661 ***I Love to Tell the Story***

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings and nothing else would do.

***Refrain:*** I love to tell the story;  
twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

***Refrain***

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

***Refrain***

The Lord be with you. ***And also, with you.***


## This Is the Feast

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** *Let us pray.* God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **AMEN**

### **FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 2:1-5

<sup>2</sup>He said to me: “O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.” <sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.’ <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

### **PSALM 123**

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift up my eyes,

***to you enthroned in the heavens.***

<sup>2</sup>As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,

***and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,***

<sup>3</sup>so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God,

***until you show us your mercy.***

<sup>4</sup>Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,

***for we have had more than enough of contempt,***

<sup>5</sup>too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,

***and of the derision of the proud.***

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia!**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to **Mark 6:1-13**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**6**He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. **2**On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! **3**Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. **4**Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house.” **5**And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. **6**And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. **7**He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. **8**He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, **9**but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. **10**He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. **11**If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” **12**So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. **13**They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:**

**Michelle Swedlow**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

**America the Beautiful**

**Benji Sitton**

**MESSAGE:**

**Pastor Stefanie Rowinski**

**HYMN:**

**#575**

**In Christ Called to Baptize**

**vs. 1, 2 & 4**

In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race.  
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ’s death,  
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to banquet, one table we share, a haven of welcome, a circle of care.  
Although we are many, we share in one bread. One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above.  
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

## **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.***

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, and all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this congregation for those who are present here or online or and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

***To you, O Lord our God.***

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. ***Amen.***

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always an everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

### ***Holy, Holy, Holy***

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

*(Please note, there are gluten free wafers available if you need them. The cups in the center of the trays are juice, and the outer rings are wine.)*

## **BENEDICTION**

May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Ron Wallace

**SENDING:** Go in peace! Remember the poor! ***Thanks be to God!***

*Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online using the following QR code:*



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ROOF UPDATE**

Roof repairs are underway! They are starting with the activity center, then will work clockwise around the remainder of the building. Air conditioning may also be affected as they work to bring the roof up to code. There is no definite timeline since weather will play a role in what can be completed each day. We ask for patience and as always, please check in with the office before planning anything in the building.

### **FLOWER BEDS**

We have a great need for people who will help keep our flower beds weeded and trimmed. Several families who have "adopted" beds need HELP and it would really be nice if more folks would pitch in and keep our church gardens beautiful. Please contact Lyle Scharping or Carolyn Behrens if you can join this service ministry. Your help is so appreciated!

### **FAMILY PICTURE BOARD**

The Outreach Board wants to update our Church Family Picture Board. There are about 40 photos missing or in need of updating. Please bring a recent photo to the church office as soon as possible. If you need us to take your photo, meet Carolyn Behrens by the large plant in the SE corner of the narthex before or after service Sunday, July 7 or 14. This picture board really helps everyone identify others and stay connected. Many Thanks.

## **JULY ACTIVITIES**

**7/7- Worship**  
**7/9- Executive Board Meeting**

**7/12-7/20- HS Mission Trip**  
**7/14- Worship**

**7/21- Worship**

**7/27-7/31- MS Mission Trip**  
**7/28- Worship**

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